

Billet Parents

VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

For court use only
Information Number

Victim's Name Paul Jefferson Police Service Remf
Offence Date April 6 2018 Offence Location Highway 35 and 335 Incident/File Number 18-446743

This form may be used to provide a description of the physical or emotional harm, property damage or economic loss suffered by you as the result of the commission of an offence, as well as a description of the impact of the offence on you. You may attach additional pages if you need more space.

Your statement must not include:

- any statement about the offence or the offender that is not relevant to the harm or loss you suffered;
- any unproven allegations;
- any comments about any offence for which the offender was not convicted;
- any complaint about any individual, other than the offender, who was involved in the investigation or prosecution of the offence; or
- except with the court's approval, an opinion or recommendation about the sentence.

You may present a detailed account of the impact the offence has had on your life. The following sections are examples of information you may wish to include in your statement. You are not required to include all of this information.

Emotional impact

Describe how the offence has affected you emotionally. For example, think of:

- your lifestyle and activities;
- your relationships with others such as your spouse, family and friends;
- your ability to work, attend school or study; and
- your feelings, emotions and reactions as they relate to the offence.

I get the "look" every time I tell someone that Parker Tobin and Tyler Smith were our hockey billets for five months: the puzzled expression, the raised eyebrow... you know what I mean? People don't understand the relationships that develop between billet parents and the hockey players that stay with them. These young men aren't just boarders in our home, consumers of food and users of wifi connections. We talk about many things beyond hockey; about life and love, faith and character, about relationships within the team or just about the funny things that happened to us that day. To say that these young men become like our own children is simplistic, but it is the best description of the relationship that develops between billet parents and their adopted hockey "sons". With Parker and I, this happened much faster and deeper than has happened with any other billet. After our first trip to Tim Horton's resulted in an awkward (for him) and hilarious (for me) encounter with a fan, we enjoyed teasing and challenging each other. The evening that he stopped video gaming with his friends to play pool with

Physical impact

Describe how the offence has affected you physically. For example, think of:

- ongoing physical pain, discomfort, illness, scarring, disfigurement or physical limitations;
- hospitalization or surgery you have had because of the offence;
- treatment, physiotherapy or medication you have been prescribed;
- the need for any further treatment or the expectation that you will receive further treatment; and
- any permanent or long-term disability.

me, I realized that our relationship was special. On another evening, after I had expounded some trivial information on a topic that only he and I cared about, I apologized for being a "nerd". Parker said "that's okay, you are just being Paul". Wow, this young man accepted me for the trivia geek that I am. That's when I knew that he and I would be close for the rest of our lives. It never crossed my mind that our time would be so short. I think that this is why the intensity of my grief surprises everyone. Everyone thinks that I'm "just a billet Dad" who had Parker and Tyler in our home for just five months. But Nancy and I had a special and close relationship with these two young men. Parker's passing was sudden and tragic with the extra twist that we believed for two days that he had survived the accident. He was so young. He was smart and funny and athletic and competitive. I think about him every day.

Economic impact

Describe how the offence has affected you financially. For example, think of:

- the value of any property that was lost or damaged and the cost of repairs or replacement;
- any financial loss due to missed time from work;
- the cost of any medical expenses, therapy or counselling; and
- any costs or losses that are not covered by insurance.

Please note that this is not an application for compensation or restitution.

And Darcy Haugan was my friend. Because Nancy and I helped Pastor Sean with the Bronco chapels, we knew all the people on the bus, with the exception of Adam Herold who was called up for the playoffs and Glen Doerksen the bus driver. So the loss from the Bronco tragedy was more profound that I can express to you: so many young people gone too soon and so suddenly.

Fears for security

Describe any fears you have for your security or that of your family and friends. For example, think of:

- concerns with respect to contact with the offender; and
- concerns with respect to contact between the offender and members of your family or close friends.

I have been comforted in my grief by my faith. Nothing happens outside of God's control so I believe that even this tragedy is part of His plan, even though I can't see the plan and I don't understand it. My faith also calls me to forgive. Mr. Sidhu made that step easier for me on the day that he admitted that his mistake caused the accident. I forgive Mr. Sidhu for his actions that caused so much grief. In sentencing him, I ask the court to consider that his life should not be ruined forever by his mistake. That would make him the 30th victim of this tragedy.

Drawing, poem or letter

You may use this space to draw a picture or write a poem or letter if it will help you express the impact that the offence has had on you.

1 How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
2 How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will enemy triumph over me?
3 Look on me and answer, LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
4 and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall.
5 But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.
6 I will sing the LORD's praise, for he has been good to me.

Psalm 13

☐ I would like to present my statement in court.

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this statement is true.

Dated this 19 day of January 2019, at Humboldt, Saskatchewan

Signature of declarant

Paul J. Jefferson

If you completed this statement on behalf of the victim, please indicate the reasons why you did so and the nature of your relationship to the victim

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20_____, at _____